

CLAIMS

1. A refrigerator comprising a thermally insulated housing (1, 8) and integrated elements (2, 3, 4) suitable for the supply of potable water, which can be connected to an external potable water pipe, characterised in that the surfaces of the integrated elements (2, 3, 4) provided for contact with the potable water are at least partly provided with a finish which is effective against microbes and/or fungi.
2. The refrigerator according to claim 1, characterised in that one of the integrated elements (2) has a surface layer loaded with a chemical substance effective against microbes and/or fungi and a carrier layer substantially free from the chemical substance.
3. The refrigerator according to claim 1, characterised in that one of the integrated elements (6) integrally consists of a material loaded with a chemical substance effective against microbes and/or fungi.
4. The refrigerator according to claim 2 or claim 3, characterised in that the substance is embedded in a plastic matrix.
5. The refrigerator according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the chemical substance contains a silver compound.
6. The refrigerator according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the chemical substance contains a zeolite material in which metal ions effective against microbes and/or fungi are exchangeably bound.
7. The refrigerator according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that at least one of the elements is a pipe (2), a freezer container (9) or a heat exchanger.